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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer
Resignation of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords

"Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords has been a noble public servant to the State of Arizona, and a model of what can be accomplished with persistence and determination. Her remarkable recovery over the last year is an inspiration to us all.

"As with all Americans, I will continue to hold Gabby in my thoughts and prayers as she continues on this path toward recovery.

"Upon the Congresswoman's office being officially declared vacant, I will call a special Primary and General Election in order to fill the 8th Congressional District vacancy, in accordance with Arizona law. The winner will complete the remainder of Congresswoman Giffords' term, which expires at the end of 2012."

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